Spring 2013 Grad Fair

“I’m excited! It’s finally here!,” said Thomas Anderson as he donned his cap and gown and posed for his graduation picture during TJSL’s two-day grad fair February 21-22.

“It feels pretty good,” said Ronald Lin I can’t wait.”

Many TJSL grads-to-be have the same experience when they first try on the cap and gown – it’s really happening! I made it! I’m graduating!

“It’s pretty cool!,” said Bardia Pourfallah. “It took me four years as a part-time student. I worked full-time at a biotech firm through law school.” Naturally, Pourfallah plans to practice intellectual property law.

In addition to graduation photos, the grad fair provides the students who will graduate in May with a lot of other valuable support services. Career Services is there to interact with the students who also have a chance to live-scan their fingerprints to begin the state bar’s background check. They can even choose the frame they want for their hard-earned diploma. Not to mention the snacks, gifts and other goodies for the grads.

Katie Hanes says she is excited and nervous about the upcoming graduation but she’s also excited about what she calls a “post-bar job offer at the Family Law Office of Robert Garland,” who is a 1992 TJSL graduate.

“Tee” Thanh Ho and Jennifer Dinh happily posed together for a graduation photo. “We’ve been friends since we were 1Ls,” said Tee.

“This is surreal,” said Jennifer.

Perhaps no one was feeling more emotion than Noél Heard, who is about to fulfill her dream.

“I feel like this is becoming real,” said Heard. “I am thankful and happy that I came to TJSL and grateful for the support of my entire family rooting for me with their energy, prayers and finances to achieve my goals.”

The Spring commencement ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m., at Copley Symphony Hall in downtown San Diego, the scene of so many joyous TJSL graduations.
TJSL Team is Going to Texas

On March 20, the TJSL Mock Trial Team will compete in the 2013 South Texas Mock Trial Challenge in Houston, Texas. Coached by Professors Lilys McCoy, Lea Fields-Bernard and Alumna Ashley Clark, teammates Charles Lollar 2L, Milena Celentano 2L, Javier Vargas 2L and James Wriston 2L will compete against 32 other schools, including Georgetown, Fordham and William and Mary.

Each team will argue three preliminary rounds, after which sixteen teams will advance based on (1) win-loss record; (2) number of judges ballots won; and (3) trial brief ranking, which is to be submitted prior to the competition, on March 1.

The problem is a fictitious child custody case, titled ‘In re: Baby Boy Fitzwallace,’ involving a surrogacy agreement gone awry. Percy and Gail Fitzwallace are moving for custody of their child, Baby Ed, after the surrogate mother, Ainsley Hayes, has refused to sign over the custody rights of Baby Ed. Petitioners must prove, through clear and convincing evidence, that the current placement of Baby Ed is not in the child’s best interest.

Given their recent win at the TYLA Regional Competition, the team is excited to compete again. “We’re riding the wave of our recent win in Tucson and are anxious to compete for our school again,” says Javier. “Robert, Jay B. and Mike have set the bar high,” says James. Charles adds, “we are working hard and hoping to keep the momentum going in the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge.”

It’s Time to Find Out About Bar Prep!

February and March Are TJSL’s Bar Prep Months!

Please visit the table of each of the following bar prep companies:

- Barbri: February 25 - March 1
- BarMaxx: March 4 - March 5
- Bar Secrets: (TBA)
TJSL’s Black Law Students Association Celebrates Diversity
By Noé Heard, 3L

Thomas Jefferson School of Law has made a commitment to diversity not only in its student body, but also in its faculty and staff. This was evident on February 22, 2013, when TJSL’s Black Law Student Association took the time to honor and commemorate its Black faculty and staff and those who have been instrumental in the furtherance of diversity at the school.

Food, poetry and thankfulness were filled the air. The celebration started with remarks from BLSA President Antionette Scott 3L, followed by finger-snap worthy poetry by an invited guest, Vogue Robinson. BLSA also took time to remember Judge Earl B. Gilliam, a former law professor at TJSL in the 1970’s 80’s and early 90’s and more notably first black Superior Court Judge in San Diego County.

Professor Kevin J. Greene, the first black tenured professor at TJSL, was in attendance as well as Admissions Director Tim Spearman, Professor Richard Winchester, Associate Career Services Director Randy Reliford and Admissions Coordinator Pam Davis. Dean Beth Kransberger, who has been committed to furthering the diversity efforts, was also in attendance.

“We have worked hard at making this a place with a human touch – because we care,” said Professor Winchester while addressing the group.

“BLSA is a place to make friends for life,” said Tim Spearman, noting that he and Randy Reliford were law school classmates and BLSA members together.

Remarks were given by Justin Hall 2L, Noel Heard 3L and Jillian Kates 2L. As the laughs resounded and tears flowed, their speeches displayed a collective appreciation to all the faculty and staff who were in any way connected to the BLSA community.

In an emotional speech, Noé Heard thanked from the heart those at the meeting, saying “You are more instrumental in my success than you know.”
On Friday, February 22, TJSL hosted San Diego's Native American Lawyers Association (NALA) for an MCLE panel discussion about the law governing Indian tribes and Native American rights and the issues of bias affecting Native Americans (American Indians) in the courtroom and legal system generally.

The event was organized by NALA President Angela Medrano, an attorney who is a member of the Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians in rural Riverside County, formerly a Gaming Commissioner for her tribe and a staff attorney at California Indian Legal Services, and currently working as a coordinator for the Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) Program on the Pechanga Reservation in Temecula in Riverside County.

Ms. Medrano led off the first hour-long panel, which provided an overview and introduction to the history and law of Indian tribes in California and nationally. Ms. Medrano focused on the experience of California Indians.

Professor Bryan H. Wildenthal, a non-Indian like many longtime members of NALA, who teaches the course on American Indian Law here at TJSL, finished out the first panel by surveying the history of legal doctrines governing tribes and Native American rights, from the "treaty era" of 1776-1871, through U.S. government efforts to break up and "allot" Indian lands and destroy Indian Nation governments and cultures, from 1871 to 1933, to modern policies begun during the New Deal administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to support the re-invigoration of Indian sovereign governments and promote the cultural and economic renaissance of Indian country.

The second hour-long panel focused more specifically on the experience of bias in the legal system that many Indian people and tribes encounter. Mr. Tuari Bigknife, Attorney General for the Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, near Alpine east of San Diego, spoke about the importance for attorneys of seeking out information about tribal laws and customs when involved in lawsuits concerning Indians or Indian country. Mr. David Clifford, Senior Associate at Shanker & Kewenvoyouma, described some incidents involving non-Indian attorneys who approached tribal governments and citizens with hostility ignorance and lack of understanding of the law.
Indian Law Panel Discussion continued

This only defeated the interests of the non-Indian clients. Ms. Joanne Willis Newton, a solo practitioner (Law Offices of Joanne Willis Newton) and expert on the Indian Child Welfare Act, described her heritage and experiences as a member of one of the Canadian "First Nations" (as Canada generally refers to their Native tribes). She noted that bias can flow from many sources, as she described her own struggle to obtain recognition from the Canadian Government as a First Nations member and to obtain employment with First Nations in Canada, before coming to the United States to pursue her legal education and practice law.

The highlight of the entire event was provided by the Honorable Anthony Brandenburg '79, an alumnus of TJSL and Chief Judge of the Intertribal Court of Southern California, based on the Rincon Reservation near Valley Center (north of Escondido) with a branch office at the Sycuan Reservation.

Judge Brandenburg described his court as a consortium to which numerous tribes in the San Diego County area send both trial and appellate cases, in matters of torts, contracts, family law, and other areas. He emphasized the importance of seeking out and knowing the laws and customs of the tribes with which any attorney may deal, and that attorneys must appreciate that "when they cross that cattle-guard" (referring to the boundary of the Rincon reservation), "you are not in California" (in a legal sense) but rather within Indian country and governed by a different and unique set of laws.

"We will guarantee you due process," he emphasized, noting that his court functioned essentially as a "court of equity" and would never deny any claim of substantial justice based on a legal technicality. He offered several colorful anecdotes drawn from his own long experience as a person of Indian heritage, lawyer and now judge of an innovative and successful court. He has served on a number of important statewide committees and has worked closely with state judges, including the Chief Justice of California.

Judge Brandenburg noted that after some initial struggles, his court over the past seven years has earned the respect of other local and state governments, courts and officers, including the District Attorney and the County Sheriff. He opined that despite the bad history of injustice and mistreatment of Indians in California, San Diego County probably now has the "best relationship" between Indian and non-Indian governments and communities of any of California's 58 counties.
Dos and Don'ts Advice from “Network to Get Work” Panelists
By Samantha Morales, 2L

On Thursday, February 21, Phi Alpha Delta and TJSL’s Professional Identity Group co-sponsored a lunchtime panel to introduce students to the “dos and don’ts of interviewing, internships and social media etiquette.

The event, “Network to Get Work,” was moderated by Professor William Slomanson, a member of the Professional Identity Group chaired by Professor Steve Berenson and composed of students, faculty, and alumni volunteers. The group focuses on aiding the development of integrity and professional identity for students and alumni.

“PAD prides itself on being an organization dedicated to the professional development of its membership,” said PAD Vice Justice Khouldoud Elmasri 2L. “We strive to ensure that our membership have exposure to practicing attorneys that can provide them guidance.”

“We put on the event because we wanted to help 1Ls navigate the daunting internship and interviewing process that they will be encountering as they seek summer employment,” added PAD Justice Chelsea Halpine-Berger 3L. “We invited TJSL alumni panelists not only to build alumni relations, but to show students what they can accomplish after graduation in a wide variety of practice areas.”

Panel members shared their experiences in a wide range of law specialties ranging from criminal defense, sports law, bankruptcy, labor and employment law, business and estate planning, and entertainment law. Panelists included Phil Shapiro ’85, Jeremy Evans ’11, Zoi Jones ’11 and Kim Carter ’11, along with Taleed El-Sabawi and Brent Reitherman.

“To be successful, think outside the box,” said criminal defense attorney Phil Shapiro. “Get a business card caddy and expand your area of influence outside your specialty. If a client needs a good plumber, having someone I can recommend makes my service that much more valuable to my clients,” said Shapiro.
Kim Carter, specializing in labor and employment law, also offered advice on succeeding in the labor market. “Find the best person that does what you already want to do and ask them what did to get there? Then focus your energy on where you want to be and distinguish yourself in that area,” Carter said.

The event stressed the importance of a mentor/mentee relationship. “Mentors can provide that introduction you need to someone,” said Jeremy Evans. “You need more than a mentor, you need a sponsor who will speak on your behalf,” added Carter.

“Be persistent in the right way. People respect patient persistence when you are reaching out,” advised attendee and TJSL Associate Director of Career Services Randy Reliford.

“Many people overlook how important significant networking and establishing a reputation for professionalism can be early on in your law school career. These two things can make or break your professional career,” said PAD’s Professional Events Director Samantha Birkner 2L.

“Lock it down! If I Google you and I see something I wouldn’t want to know about you before I meet you, it won’t help you get hired,” cautioned Sony Electronics hiring manager Brent Reitherman. “Get a Linked-In account. Nowadays, it’s a tool for recruiting,” said Reitherman. He also recommended students tailor their resume for the job they are applying for. “Make it easy for a hiring manager to see why you are a good fit for that job.”

“Don’t be dishonest and say all you ever wanted to do is criminal defense,” said Shapiro. “Eat a sandwich before you write something on Facebook. Remember that texting and email is permanent.”
Editor-in-Chief

The Editor-in-Chief has overall responsibility for the management, control, and direction of the Law Review—the flagship scholarly publication of TJSL—and is vested with authority commensurate with that responsibility. She is authorized to allocate to and among members of the Law Review’s Editorial Board such powers and duties as seem appropriate and necessary for the proper functioning of the Law Review. She must ensure the publication and distribution of at least two editions of the Journal during her tenure. The Editor-in-Chief is a member of both the Notes and Articles Committees. She is also the Law Review’s representative to administration, faculty, and students of TJSL.

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Thoughts from the Outgoing Board:

“We are very excited about the new board and the enthusiasm, intelligence, and determination they bring to the forefront of the Law Review. We’ve worked tirelessly this last year to grow the Journal: establishing a new, cutting edge website; improving the trainings received by our new and continuing members; and transitioning from paper to electronic source-checking which will save money and a lot of trees. We are currently working closely with the new board to ensure they are ready to take over. This year, we will all be traveling to the National Conference of Law Reviews where we will learn the latest law review trends and how to use them to improve our Journal.”

Left to Right: Greyson Goody, Travis Davis and Walter Araujo
Citations Added February 17 - 25

Alex Kreit
Books:
DRUG ABUSE AND THE LAW SOURCEBOOK (with Gerald F. Uelmen and Victor G. Haddox) (West 2013)

Rebecca K. Lee
Presentations:
Judging Judges: Empathy as the Litmus Test for Impartiality, Prof. Orly Lobel’s Seminar on Work, Welfare, and Justice, University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA (February 14, 2013)

Panelist, Q&A with The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 13th Annual Women and the Law Conference, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA (February 8, 2013)

Judging Judges: Empathy as the Litmus Test for Impartiality, Annual Meeting of the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, UC Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, CA (February 2, 2013)

Alumni Association VP Lorena Slomanson '03 Meets former Labor Secretary Hilda Solis

TJSL Alumni Association Vice President Lorena Slomanson '03 recently attended the annual USHLI (United States Hispanic Leadership Institute) conference in Chicago, where she met former U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis.

Secretary Solis was honored with the USHLI Edward R. Roybal - Henry B. Gonzalez Award for Excellence in Public Service.

In December 2008, President Barack Obama announced he would nominate Solis as the next U.S. Secretary of Labor, a position for which she was confirmed in February 2009. She became the first Hispanic woman to serve in the U.S. Cabinet. Last month, she announced she was stepping down from her post to return to Los Angeles and run for County Supervisor.

"It was so inspiring to see these students exposed to high ranking government and military officials, and CEOs of major corporations,” said Slomanson. “My favorite memory is of Secretary Solis recalling a high school counselor who told her to aim low, and maybe she could become a secretary like her older sister. Well, she DID become a secretary. We all laughed, but the message for the youth was clear- never let anyone tell you that you cannot achieve your dreams."

Geared towards high school and college students, the mission of the USHLI conference is to train a broad section of Hispanic leaders by promoting education, unity and leadership development and creating a servant leadership community.
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February 25 to March 2

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Thursday, February 28, 2013
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Co-hosted by TJSLS’s Center for Law & Social Justice

TJSLS Professor Alex Kreit, Director of the Center for Law & Social Justice, will provide background and context at this important Public Safety Town Hall Meeting that will explore why homelessness and certain types of crimes have increased in the East Village recently and what the East Village Community can do about it. Specifically, the meeting will focus on how the community and local government agencies can work together to provide a more safe and livable environment in East Village.

This is your opportunity to hear what these local officials have to say and to ask questions.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Jan Goldsmith City Attorney
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Dion Akers Community Representative
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Lisa Rodriguez County of San Diego Deputy District Attorney
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QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOLLOWS PRESENTATION

The East Village Association’s mission is to support and promote East Village businesses by establishing our community as San Diego’s livable urban village. The East Village Business Improvement District is partially funded by the City of San Diego’s Small Business Enhancement Program.
Inter-School Mixer

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013
6-8 p.m.
Quality Social
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MARCH GENERAL MEETING!

TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2013

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ROOM 318

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL
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Each appointment will consist of a half-hour consultation with a licensed attorney and a law student. They will provide limited assistance only – not full or ongoing legal representation.
Academic Success & Writing Center Workshops Spring 2013

All workshops will be held on Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm

2/6/2013 Room 227
Reading Faster, Reading Smarter
This workshop focuses on case reading. It begins with a brief introduction to pre-reading and reading for context strategies, including review and assessment of the purpose for reading. Students will practice how to read cases faster and how to complete case briefs using this faster reading process.

2/13/2013 Room 323
Punctuation: Demystifying the Comma and Semicolon
This workshop reviews the correct use of the comma and semi-colon. The comma is most frequently used form of punctuation, but yet also the misused form. The workshop will discuss the basic comma rules that readers expect, the necessary commas that affect meaning and clarity, and commas for sophisticated writing. Further, students will review rules for using a semicolon effectively.

2/20/2013 Room 225
Transitioning to Legal Writing II (from Objective to Persuasive Writing)
This workshop begins with a brief lecture on the basics of legal writing, including inferential analysis and analogical reasoning and helps students transition from using these strategies in an objective writing context to a persuasive writing context.

2/27/2013 Room 227
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This workshop reviews the elements of IRAC and emphasizes the importance of using mini-IRACs and headings in essay exam writing. It walks students though on-demand pre-writing and outlining strategies to help students prepare for writing more organized and analytical essays during exams. Students are offered the opportunity to complete a practice exam and submit it to the Writing Center for individualized meetings and feedback.

3/1/2013 Room TBD
Multiple Choice Workshop
This workshop will focus on effective strategies and tactics for multiple choice questions. Learn about the anatomy of multiple choice questions and how to weed out distractor answers from the best answer. Students will practice the strategies learned during the workshop to assist in honing their M/C skills.
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3/6/2013 and 3/13/2013 Room 227
Writing in Agreement (Part I and II)
This workshop focuses on correct writing skills, and specifically, subject-verb agreement, subject-noun agreement, verb tense, parallel structure and possessives. Students will complete practice problems to reinforce correct writing and agreement.

3/20/2013 Room 227
Writing with Clarity
The Writing with Clarity workshop is intended to hone the students’ writing skills in a manner that makes the content easy for the audience to read. The workshop will include lecture and practice relating to misplaced modifiers, vague referents, tricky pronouns, and transitional words.

4/3/2013 Room 227
Using Your Words Effectively
This workshop focuses on word selection for precision and conciseness. The bulk of the workshop will be spent completing practice problems, including word choice selection problems and editing wordy, cluttered statements for conciseness.

4/10/2013 Room 227
Countdown to Final Exams
This workshop begins with a brief overview of time management and planning strategies for the last month of classes, leading up to finals. Students participate in a reverse-scheduling and calendaring exercise to plot out what they need to do to successfully prepare for exams.

Weekend Writing Workshops (Saturdays 9 am -12pm)
These three-hour writing workshops will begin by discussing outlining and organizational learning schemes particular to the subject focus of the class, as well as how professors grade using rubrics and how students can organize their time more effectively to get the most points on their exams. Students will be provided rules to complete practice pre-writing and outlining activities. Students may be offered the opportunity to write a short essay and self-grade, or they may be afforded the opportunity to submit their practice essays to the Writing Center for individualized feedback.

The Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. James Lynch, a partner at Winston & Strawn LLP, has graciously endowed this writing competition to honor Paul Faherty, former director of the Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits.

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**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

Spring Forward

**Midterms Begin**

**Tomorrow is St. Patrick’s Day!**